

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph inserted on page 1 between lines 5 and 6 by way of Preliminary Amendment as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/091,500, filed March 7, 2002, which is a continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/05665, filed ~~August 23, 2002~~ August 23, 2000, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.